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Strawberry picking proves fruitful

With summer in full swing many families are looking for fun activities to do locally. Residents and non-residents alike have found sweet success with strawberry picking at Provin Mountain Farms in Feeding Hills.

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Sweet as a strawberry, Ava Healey, 3, of Southwick, couldn't wait to taste her tempting treats.



Giovanni Santaniello, 2, of Westfield proudly shows off the fruits of his labor.

Officials communicate their needs

New phone system to be installed

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – After nearly five years of assessments and planning, the Town of Agawam will soon be installing a new phone system in all town and school buildings.

The town will save approximately \$150,000 from its original estimate and more options will be provided for residents and town employees that use the phone. With all the new features, Agawam is expected to save \$600 per month in phone bills.

“This is very exciting for the town,” Mayor Richard A. Cohen said this week. “We are going to be able to have a more efficient phone system and provide voicemail and other features and the town will save money, too.”

Mike Ebner of Concept Telecom addressed the city council at its July 5 meeting, making a presentation about the state of the current phone system.

Concept Telecom was hired as a consulting firm for the town to do a full examination of the current analog phone system, which has had more than its share of issues.

Ebner said there is an immediate need for a new phone system, as many phone lines have continued to falter and phones are malfunctioning. Communication difficulties have come up in several departments, including the police department, where there are issues in the offices. The emergency lines are still working, officials said.

A request for proposals was created and answered by Total Communications, which has offices in East Hart-

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Learning comes full circle

Agawam teacher retires after three decades in education

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

As a teacher for more than 35 years, Patricia Kallfa has had the opportunity to mold thousands of young minds and help Agawam children develop a love of learning, including the children of several of her students from early on in her career.

Kallfa, a resident of Westfield and mother of two, recently retired from her position of kindergarten teacher at Granger Elementary School, after three decades in early education. Throughout her career, Kallfa has seen a number of changes in the field, including the transition from half-day kindergarten to full-day kindergarten and the implementation of statewide education mandates.

She started her career as a second grade teacher at Benjamin J. Phelps School where she worked for 13 years, though she took time off to have her own children, who are now grown, she said. She also taught fourth grade before accepting a position as a kindergarten teacher at Phelps in 1992 and moving to Granger Elementary School, where she spent the remainder of her career.

“I do feel very strongly about early childhood education, and I did feel I was doing a very important job teaching kindergarten,” she said.

The change from half-day to full-day kindergarten was “a major change for Agawam,” both for the students and the school system as a whole, she said. Kindergarten, Kallfa said, is the start of the kids’ formative years and she enjoyed helping kids not only adjust to the full school day, but also learn to love learning.

“That’s a great age,” she said. “They’re extremely enthusiastic. They love school and they love their



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In over 35 years of teaching in Agawam Public Schools, Patricia Kallfa taught thousands of students, including the children of pupils she had early in her career. Pictured here (back row, from left) Zachary Moccio, Jennifer (Jorgensen) Moccio, Sierra Moccio; (middle row, from left) Melissa Sullivan, Kallfa, Christine (Isabelle) Uneegar; (front row, from left) Andrew Sullivan and Isabelle Uneegar. Not pictured are Paul Davilli and his son, Cameron.

teachers. I feel really good about being a part of that.”

Part of that love stems from the hands-on approach to teaching that age group, specifically in the area of math, she said. But as her career evolved, so too did the standards by which she was required to teach her students.

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Schools eye fee concerns

Students charged for participating in NHS

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – School officials are looking into a concern over school fees that several residents have raised objections to recently.

Agawam City Councilor Robert Magovern said at the July 5 city council meeting that a resident has complained about certain fees being levied by the schools to help balance the fiscal year 2012 budget.

He was particularly perturbed the fact that students must pay \$25 to participate on the National Honor Society.

“We should be rewarding these students who are getting good grades and performing well in school,” said Magovern. “These are kids that have worked very hard to get on NHS and should not have to pay for this.”

Many fees have been imposed for the next school year, which would raise a projected \$90,000 to help the budget in school.

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“We should be rewarding these students who are getting good grades and performing well in school.”
Robert Magovern
Agawam City Council



A bear sighting



Turley Publications courtesy photo

Chris and Diane Sonsini, of Feeding Hills, were able to capture this bear “nosing” around Barbara Lane the morning of July 4. The photo was taken from their dining room window.

Silver Lake restrictions announced

Lycott Environmental, Inc., of South-bridge, will be conducting an aquatic plant management program at Silver Lake in Agawam on Monday, July 18. The use of the lake’s water will be restricted as follows:

Swimming, fishing and boating until

completion of the treatment on July 18; live-stock watering for one day or until July 19; direct drinking for three days or until July 21; irrigation for five days or until July 23.

For more information, call the Silver Lake Association or Lycott Environmental, Inc., at (508) 765-0101.

WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we’ll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week’s “Where is it?” will run in next week’s edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



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Summer is in full bloom at one local farm. Do you know where this flower stand is located?



Last week’s photo: That bear can be found at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club on Garden Street.

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A Brighter Idea.

Comcast awards scholarships to two Agawam leaders

By Christopher Faille
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Comcast Foundation, created by the parent corporation of the cable operator, has provided scholarships to several deserving western Massachusetts high school students again this year, recognizing both academic achievement and community service. The beneficiaries include local residents Richard Porfilio of Agawam High School and Ashley Ripolone of The White Oak School in Westfield. Porfilio and Ripolone each attended a special ceremony at the Massachusetts State House in Boston on June 21, and received congratulations from Steve Hackley, senior vice president for Comcast’s Greater Boston Region, and David Cohen, executive vice president of Comcast Corporation. Ripolone will be studying sociology at Johnson State College in Vermont this fall, while Porfilio will be attending Bryant University in Rhode Island. The Comcast Foundation was founded in 1999 to provide support to local communities. A spokeswoman for Comcast said recently that the organization asks high school principals and guidance counselors each year which students have particularly impressed them. She stressed that the awards aren’t merely about academics; that, “they are going to those who give back to the community.”

Porfilio, reached by phone, said that he believes his participation in the “Relay for Life,” a walkathon that raised money for cancer research, may have played a part in his \$1,000 award. One student, Arpita Patel, of Marlborough, received a \$10,000 award in honor of Comcast founder Ralph Roberts. The other students recognized, including Porfilio and Ripolone, received \$1,000 each. “Each year, we are excited to award Leaders and Achievers Scholarships to talented and deserving students in Massachusetts who demonstrate leadership in school activities and reflect a strong commitment to community service,” said Mary McLaughlin, senior vice president for Comcast’s Western New England Region, in a statement. A spokeswoman elaborated, saying that Comcast’s philanthropic efforts in the Connecticut Valley include a focus on digital literacy. Separate from the Leaders and Achievers program, Comcast sponsors the Digital Connectors program in Springfield, which seeks to help young people in lower-income areas become adept in the use of computers and broadband technology in the expectation that this facility will assist both their own careers and the development of their communities. Overall, the Comcast Foundation has donated more than \$90 million to organizations serving various communities nationwide in which Comcast does business.



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Ashley Ripolone, who recently graduated from The White Oak School in Westfield, was one of two local recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Comcast Foundation. Here, she is pictured with Steve Hackley, senior vice president for Comcast’s Greater Boston Region (left) and David Cohen, executive vice president of Comcast Corporation (right).



Richard Porfilio, a recent graduate Agawam High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Comcast Foundation. He is pictured here with Steve Hackley, senior vice president for Comcast’s Greater Boston Region (left) and David Cohen, executive vice president of Comcast Corporation (right).

Agawam Rotary to meet

The Agawam Rotary Club will meet Wednesday, July 20 at Tavern in West Springfield. Installation of new officers will take place. As Rotarians, they sponsor local scholarships and charities and raise money for local, national, and international service projects, including the worldwide elimination of polio and providing clean drinking water. For more information on Rotary International, visit rotary.org.

Crafters wanted for November fair

WEST SPRINGFIELD –The St. Thomas School PTO is making plans for its sixth annual Christmas in November Fair to be held Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is looking for crafters to participate. There will also be raffles and lunch will be served. For more information, call Melissa at 781-5296.

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Opinion

Time to turn down the volume

According to national reports, hearing loss is hitting people at younger and younger ages. In fact, researchers at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health report that one in five people between the ages of 48 and 59 have already suffered some hearing loss. In addition, the Journal of the American Medical Association says one in five teens has already suffered a hearing loss.

The damage occurs over time, but there is a lot we can do to prevent it and save one of the most valuable senses most people are born with. After being exposed to very loud noise, such as a concert or other event where you feel your hearing has been assaulted, it is important to remain in silence or find a very quiet spot and stay there as long as possible. If you work in a job where the noise is relentless, such as construction where jack hammering is taking place or in a noisy factory, it's important to take frequent breaks and go somewhere quiet — even if it's just to sit inside your car — with your cell phone and radio turned off for a few minutes every few hours. This is important because the silence gives any inflammation which has been caused over time to calm down.

In this day and age, it's difficult to find a place where silence can be maintained for any length of time. Plus, with cell phones, laptops and electronic notebooks giving people access to everything from calls to streaming videos every moment of every day, it's critically important to choose the right earphones. Experts say people should try to find earphones that are sound-isolating as they allow music and other noise to be played at a lower volume. They are very different than noise blocking headphones, which are less effective.

Earplugs are also a good idea if you know you will be subjected to noise. Teens at concerts — as well as adults — should wear



wax or foam earplugs labeled ER-20. They should also always be worn when mowing your grass, clipping your hedges or using other power tools, as hearing loss caused by noise results from a combination of volume and the length of time the person is exposed to it. In fact, the sound of a power lawnmower for more than three minutes a day poses a threat to hearing.

Although effective earplugs may not be

the most attractive option, neither is wearing a hearing aid for the rest of your life. And as the old saying goes — an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Letters to the Editor

Another successful Jimmy Fund tourney

To the editor:

Jimmy Fund Golf extends its sincerest thanks to the organizers and sponsors of the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial held June 13 at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Ellington Ridge Country Club in Ellington, Conn., Springfield Country Club in West Springfield, and The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick.

Special recognition and appreciation go to Marc Packin and Ellen Shapiro, both from Longmeadow, who organized the 32nd annual event.

The dedicated sponsors, participants, and volunteers helped raise critical funds to support the lifesaving cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jef-

frey Vinick Memorial was one of the many golf tournaments that will be held in 2011 to raise funds for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber. American Airlines, Callaway Golf, Dunkin' Donuts, Forty Seven Brand, GateHouse Media New England, The International Golf Club, and HomeGoods are the presenting sponsors for Jimmy Fund Golf.

From traditional golf tournaments and country club member events to mini-golf tournaments and all day golf marathons, volunteers create golf fundraisers that combine their love of the sport with their desire to support the fight against cancer. Each event is an incredibly rewarding and fun way to support a great cause. Those interested in finding out ways to support Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund through golf may visit www.jimmyfundgolf.org or call (866) 521-4653 to learn how.

Nancy Rowe, director
Jimmy Fund Golf

Readers help their four-legged friends

To the editor:

People responded to our most recent request with amazing generosity. We received over a dozen bags of dry food for the kitties. My small, nonprofit organization works to feed, water and in any possible way care for the cats left behind or feral and living outside. These animals fear humans but the food we leave is usually the only the food they get. When possible, we work with other groups to trap, spay, neuter the homeless cats and get them rabies shots.

We thank all the people who helped us to keep the cats fed.

Kathy Shepard, president,
Agawam Friends of Homeless Cats

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JOURNALING WITH JEN



Jennifer Wroblewski
Editor

Summer reading: a novel idea

I have way too many books. I can't help it. I love to read.

A few weekends ago, I visited my favorite used bookstore while visiting my parents in central Massachusetts during the holiday weekend, expecting only to poke around aimlessly to kill time before I absolutely needed to show up for a family cookout. About 45

minutes after entering the store — which is piled high with everything from antique/vintage hard covers obtained from estate sales to gently used children's books to worn paperbacks and (most recently), a small selection of DVDs — I left certain that I would return. The good thing about the bookstore is it is cash-only, which means if you show up with just \$20, you can only leave with \$20 worth of books. The bad thing about the store is that it's cash-only, and good luck narrowing your selection down to just \$20 worth of books!

On my first trip there over Fourth of July weekend, I walked out with three books: two coffee table-types full of fun photographs of dogs and a paperback novel. Two days later, I ventured back for a quick peek around with my mother. I left with another two books from the "Domestic Animals" section of the store; she left empty-handed.

When my father saw my book bounty, he casually pointed out that if I had a Kindle or similar e-book reader, I could have all those

books at my disposal without the heavy burden to carry, to which I replied that if I did that, I'd never get any exercise. I've always got at least two books in my bag at all times — usually hardcover — which means I am getting some kind of daily workout!

To me, books are both a security blanket and a conversation starter. Whenever I find myself in a situation in which I feel uncomfortable, I take out a book. It's easy to hide behind, but not as off-putting as, say, headphones; I can easily slip a book back into my bag and jump into a conversation if necessary.

I still haven't come to accept the idea of the e-book reader. My bookcase at home (which stands roughly six feet tall and five feet long) is packed with books of varying size. That, in itself is a comfort. Thanks to my most recent shopping trip, I now have five animal photography books by my favorite photographer, Rachael Hale. I've also got a substantial classic literature collection

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The Garden Lady answers your July questions

Charlene from Bondsville wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: “I have admired my neighbor’s Oriental poppies for a long time. Recently she said I could take a division from her garden. I am not sure how or when to do that and neither is she! I’d love to start my own poppy plants, but I don’t want to ruin her beautiful patch in the process. Help!”

The best time to divide Oriental poppies is now, during their dormancy period. Once foliage has browned, lift the whole clump and pry apart the roots. Go ahead and plant them anywhere in the yard provided the space is in full sun and the soil isn’t waterlogged. PH should be near neutral. Water the divisions well until growth commences during early autumn. Because the Oriental poppy goes dormant in early summer plan ahead for the inevitable bare spot in the garden by planting a sprawling annual nearby to cover the gap.

Bob, who gardens in Belchertown is curious as to what kind of insect is eating his crop of bush beans. “It looks like a ladybug, but is a bit bigger, and orange-brown in color. There are also eggs, I assume

from the aforementioned bug, that are yellow and deposited in groups on the undersides of the leaves. I see a few immature insects too, maybe larvae, that are also yellow and spiky in appearance. Could you offer some ideas as to how to treat this? Although they are just starting now, last year they demolished my beans.”

What you are speaking of are the various life stages of the Mexican bean beetle. Vigilance is the key with these insects. In a small garden hand picking is a smart option. If squashing the bugs on site isn’t for you, dropping them into soapy water will also do them in. Try planting marigolds nearby to deter them - lots of gardeners swear it works. I have also found through experience that subsequent sowings of beans are best sited away from

IN THE GARDEN



ROBERTA MCQUAID
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one another. It will take the beetles a longer time to find the new plants than if they are planted side by side.

An anonymous gardener sent in this question for the Garden Lady: “How do you know when it’s time to divide daylilies?”

Some varieties of daylilies are slow growing while others are particularly vigorous, doubling or more in size each year. So then, vigor determines whether clumps should be separated every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. The best indication that your

daylilies absolutely require division will be a decline in blooms. They may also need to be divided simply because they have outgrown their spot in the garden and are

encroaching on other plants.

Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after flowering. If you take the later approach just be sure the plant has at least one month of growing time before frost hits. In our area, Labor Day should be considered the transplanting deadline. This way your daylily will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground. The American Hemerocallis Society (www.daylilies.org) offers lots of great information for those who are interested in growing daylilies; their ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section is especially helpful.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 19 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to journalregister@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

READING, from page 4

featuring the likes of Leo Tolstoy, Charles Dickens, Jane Austin, and more. Some of the books are old – they have a particular smell that I find comforting – while others are so new, their bindings haven’t even been cracked yet. Some books I have in both hardcover and paperback form (the Twilight and Harry Potter series, for example), and others I have the same story featuring different illustrators. Last year, while on a mission to replace a lost copy of “The Velveteen Rabbit” by Margery Williams, I ended up with not one, but two (with separate artists), and I’m still on the lookout for more.

In June, after my hometown library was closed due to tornado damage, I started checking out books from the Agawam Public Library, just a few miles from the Agawam

Advertiser News office. One book I picked up there – “A Dog’s Purpose” by W. Bruce Cameron — I enjoyed so much I went out and bought a copy when I was finished. As it happened, a coworker (and fellow dog-lover) recently mentioned she heard good reviews for the book and was interested in reading it, so I lent her my (new/unread) copy. I like to spread the gospel of books.

As I write this, I’m itching to get back to my latest novel, “Room,” by Emma Donoghue. I started reading it over the holiday weekend but I didn’t devote as much time to it as I would have liked. I’m halfway through it now and at the point where I’m so hooked on the storyline, I’ve been staying up later to read before bed or reading while I cook/eat dinner. I’ve got a slight addiction, I guess. Good thing my friends and family

don’t mind.

This is the perfect time of year to binge on books and local libraries like ours make it easy to do so with incentives to get people participating in their summer reading programs.

If you’re looking for that perfect beach read, here are a few items from my summer reading list:

- “Dog Sense” by John Bradshaw. As someone who struggles with training/caring for a dog, I recently picked up this book about how to understand the fundamental needs of dogs and our responsibility as pet owners to provide for and accommodate them.
- Another canine-related read, “The Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein is the life story of a dog named Enzo, told from his

perspective; it’s the kind of book that forces its reader to re-examine his or her relationship with dogs as well as others. Just make sure to have tissues handy!

• Lauren Weisberger, who wrote “The Devil Wears Prada,” the basis for the chick flick starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway, released what I consider to be the ultimate beach book, “Last Night at Chateau Marmont” last year. It’s the perfect type of book for anyone looking to unwind with something fun and undemanding while enjoying some sun and sand.

For more book suggestions or information on how to participate in the reading program at Agawam Public Library, simply stop by the library on Cooper Street or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

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EDUCATION

We try to be inside our public schools on a weekly basis, both in terms of sports coverage and classroom features. Our education and sports sections run 52 weeks per year. We feel school coverage is probably the single largest reflection of the communities we serve, so this paper is committed to having a strong presence there. We devote more staff and space to these sections than any other editorial realm. We do print free courtesy stories, briefs and photos submitted by teachers, sports teams and students, as we cannot possibly be at every event. If you have a photo you want to run, please include a photo caption identifying those in the image from left to right and a description of the event. Please call or e-mail the editor directly with your school event coverage requests at least three days in advance. If we can't attend, you are always encouraged to send in your own write-up and photos.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

OPINION

We love letters to the editor and guest columns. It is what the soul of this newspaper is all about. However, we don't print what we can't prove. All letters and columns must be signed and confirmed by us prior to publication. If you are alleging things that we cannot prove, we will consider that a news tip and look into it. We always encourage readers to celebrate their communities versus just slamming them. We also pen a weekly “editorial.” Some readers confuse editorials with being objective “news.” Our unsigned editorials are opinions formed after doing the research, or compiled through our reporters' stories and other means. We then write opinions, which do take a definitive side on issues. Editorials are not meant to be balanced to both sides like our news stories should. They are intended to opine around the facts and take a position. That's the whole point of the “opinion” page.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a “people news” form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content.

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SPORTS

Our Sports Editor Dave Forbes and his reporters and photographers cover select varsity school games weekly as well as youth and adult sports leagues. Our team tries to be fair and spread the coverage around to all the teams, but as playoffs approach, teams making the playoffs take more precedence. We have tried hard this year to expand our coverage of youth sports, but we need coaches and players to send in their photos and write-ups. You can e-mail Dave Forbes at dforbes@turley.com.

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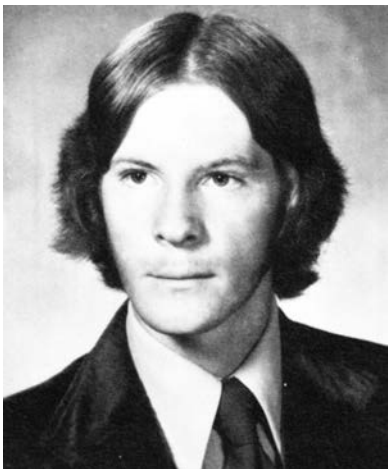
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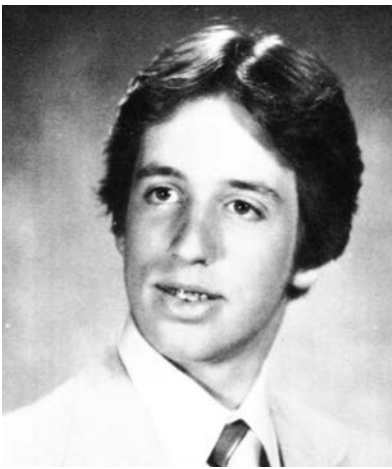
By Walt Willard
Advertiser News Columnist

Baseball Alumni
Game - Part 2

Lisa (Mastroianni) Wargo '82 knows how to run a baseball alumni game. Good food, a new T-shirt with Agawam alumni logo on the front and two professional umpires, Fred Perry '77 and Phil Butler '81, who donated their services to support the Brownie baseball program. Phil does a lot of umpiring in the spring. When he was at AHS he was a swimmer and a golfer. Fred Perry updated me on his family's baseball history. Both of his sons played for AHS and went on to play college ball, Justin '04 at Stonehill and Kyle '05 at the University of Hartford. Now they play Tri-County ball for the first-place DiFranco Realty team coached by Fred. Fred is not new to coaching. He has been an assistant baseball coach at Westfield State for the last eight years. Kyle and Justin were on Brownie Western Mass Championship baseball teams and were on All-State teams in their senior years at AHS. Lisa's Wargo's son Chris Colitti was a senior on this year's AHS team and is headed for Westfield State. His older brother Joe '08 goes to Fitchburg State. Maybe you remember Lisa's brother, Rick Mastroianni '75. An excellent goalkeeper in hockey, he was All-Western Mass. as a third baseman in baseball. After AHS, Rick had a good job for Playschool, a division of Milton Bradley. When they offered him a great job in Chicago, Rick couldn't refuse and headed west. Now he has three daughters, ages 14, 16 and 20. Ally, the 16-year-old, plays soccer for the Chicago Fire junior team. They travel all around the country playing soccer. Ally's dad Rick is one of those guys that never played soccer but would have been a natural like Doug Janik '73, who played goal in soccer and hockey. Rick now plays golf and stays in contact with Scott Brown and



Fred Perry



Phil Butler



Paul Rescigno



Scott Barker

Tom Quinn. Maybe next near Rick can come back for the alumni game. Scott Barker '74 came to the alumni game with his wife Marcia (Atwater). Scott could really hit when he was a Brownie but now he has a nagging back injury, which kept him out of the lineup. Paul Rescigno '77 did some good hitting for the odd-year alumni. His son Anthony played baseball for the Brownies and now attends WNEC, which I think might now be a university. Someday I will figure out the difference between a college and a university. Maybe it means you can charge more for tuition. This year's varsity baseball team had many sons of Brownies. Lisa's son Chris, David Lyne's son Tyler, Bill Egan's son William and Ron Veins son Joseph. Pitcher Tyler Karam sure has an Agawam-sounding name but I couldn't verify who his dad is. Let me know if you have that information. Agawam and baseball have always been close. No greater evidence of

that can surpass Carl Beane '71 on the radio identifying himself as the voice of Fenway Park. It may surprise you to know that Carl used to be a sports reporter. He is currently a sports columnist for the Agawam Advertiser News and other Turley Publications newspapers. Many years ago he was the first reporter to speak to Bill Buckner when he came out of the locker room after his groundball of infamy. Too bad Buckner wasn't playing first when I hit my ground ball in the alumni game. It was good to talk to Nick Madames and Charlie Santanello who stopped by. Did you know that Charlie was once a batboy for the Springfield Giants at Pynchon Park?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

professionals want to make more and more money. Politicians do whatever it takes to get elected and workers want financial security even more than eternal security. These are not wrong in themselves, but what impresses God is the individual's passionate faith in Christ. What we truly believe and are attracted to, will dictate the actions we take, the people with whom we are involved, and the activities we pursue. Men often are focused on the outward issues of life, but these outward struggles will not determine the history of a people. History is determined by the inner struggles within our hearts. The best athletes are those who have the heart to win. God focuses on the root cause of all of life's problems: the heart. 1 John 5:10 says, "Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son." Because God is looking at the heart, our faith does matter.

These words were spoken to the prophet Samuel, who was to anoint David as King of Israel. David's rise to the thrown was to replace King Saul. King Saul was handsome and very tall. He stood a head taller than most Israelites. These words spoken to Samuel contained a universal truth of how God sees people. God does not consider a person's height, but He looks at the heart. So when He looks at America today, God does not see what we see. We can be a nation of law and still displease our Creator.

As men we look at the outward appearance while God looks at the hearts of men. Do they have hearts that are turned toward Him in faith and love? Jesus said in Matthew 13:15, "For this people's hearts have become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them"

The hearts of America have become calloused toward the things of God. We are focused on the wrong things. Pro-

FAITH MATTERS



Rev. Richard
Adams, Pastor
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The real issues of life are matters of the heart, yet we tend to evaluate each other, not on the heart issues, but on the basis of distinctive individual beliefs and our private interpretations of life's purpose and meaning.

God is not impressed by our head knowledge or our interpretation of life. He sees things differently than we do.

In the book of 1 Samuel 16:7, the Lords says to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the thing man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart."

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Summer reading incentives courtesy of cultural council

By Sarah Platanitis
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - Want tickets for the Majestic Theatre's Children's Summer Theatre program? Take a trip to the Agawam Public Library and enter your chance to win! For the second summer in a row, the Agawam Cultural Council has donated Children's Theatre tickets for families who visit the library. The Cultural Council has donated enough tickets so that a four-pack will be given away each week for six weeks with the lucky winners announced on Friday afternoons. "People have been very excited. Everyone is very happy the Cultural Council offered the tickets again and we're grateful for their support," said Susan Peoples, youth services associate. The tickets are tied into the children's summer reading program and two games, an estimation game and a scavenger hunt where children find 10 pictures connected with the reading program, are the means to enter the contest. "Children do enjoy the scavenger hunt and it makes it interesting to visit the library," said Cynthia Sutter, youth services librarian. "We're grateful to the Cultural Council for their support because they help us offer fantastic and free programs for the children and families in the community." Children's Theatre at The Majestic will feature daytime productions of "Stuart Little," "Peter and the Wiley Wolf - Unplugged" and "Charlotte's Web." "Stuart Little" is based upon the classic children's story by E.B. White about a boy who was born a mouse. "Peter and the Wiley Wolf - Unplugged" offers a fun version of the Prokofiev composition, complete with new additions of a grand concert, instruments that come alive and surprise fairy tale guests. Finally, "Charlotte's Web" is based upon another famed E.B. White story, about a spider named Charlotte, a pig named Wilbur and the friendship they found. "It's wonderful to see children's books performed; it starts the love of reading for the little ones," said Andrea LaPlace, a cultural council member who helped connect the Majestic Theatre with the Public Library. The Cultural Council also provided three grants for children's performers as a way to offer an extra arts component for the 2011 Summer Reading Program. This year's program theme is "One World, Many Stories." The program began Monday, June 27 and will end Friday, Aug. 12. The June kick-off performer was singer/songwriter Jay Mankita. Storyteller Rona Leventhal is scheduled for July 7 and magician Scott Jameson will serve as the finale act on Aug. 12. Registration is required for these and all other events for children ages 3-7. "It's more exciting for the children when the support is there because we are able to offer so many different things," said Sutter. "Theatre tickets, scavenger hunts, performers, festival fun run with our Library Teen Volunteers and art ... it all makes it for an interesting summer and gives the community kids a nice reading and library experience."

For more information about the Children's Theatre tickets and summer programs, stop by the Agawam Public Library or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. To learn more about the Majestic Summer Children's theatre programs, visit www.majestictheater.com/summer2011.

Theatre camp production



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The curtain has closed on "The Emerald City of Oz" presented at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. This weekend, the popular summer theatre camp hosts 43 young people in a production of "Pan of Neverland." The shows run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 15, 16 and 17. For ticket reservations, call (413) 244-0883. For more information, visit www.reddoor-theatre.com.

STUDENT FEES, from page 1

But earlier this week, Mayor Richard A. Cohen said school officials are meeting to consider what activities may end up exempt from the activity fee, which will be \$25 per activity.

Cohen, who also serves as the chairman of the school committee, said instituting fees is definitely not something he or school officials wanted to do, but that it was a direct result of the harsh economic times. He is pleased the district is looking into the issue.

"Believe me, I don't want to see our students having to pay to be a member of the National Honor Society," said Cohen. "It's very unfortunate. But times are really tough right now and we have no choice but to institute the fees."

Cohen spoke to the central office and they are meeting with Agawam High School Principal Steve Lemanski to discuss possible groups that would be exempt from paying the student activity fee.

One of the reasons the fees were instituted for the student activities was because of the stipends that must be paid to the faculty advisors of each activity.

"The stipends are contractually obligated for the teachers that facilitate these activities," said Cohen, adding teacher contracts were just a small part of what necessitated the fees; teacher unions refused to give up their 1 percent raise for fis-

cal year 2012, which went into effect July 1.

Fees are being charged in several areas, including a \$100 per sport athletic user fee; a band fee of \$100 per member; and a parking fee of \$100 per student. School officials also considered charging families for use of the bus system, and proposed charging \$1 per day, resulting in \$180 for the year for a student. That was not included in the budget but would have raised a projected \$453,060.

Lemanski said this week that he is glad the issue has been raised but said he must wait for Interim Superintendent William Sapelli to return from vacation to get direction from him and the school committee about fees.

"Right now, I am not sure what we are going to do," said Lemanski. "But we do need to have these discussions because we need to get the student handbooks printed. The school committee voted to put in these fees, so I need some guidance from them and the superintendent."

Lemanski said NHS students have received a reduced parking rate, but that may not be the case this year with the new fee structure. He said if the activity fee is not eliminated for NHS students, he would at least like to see a reduced parking rate for them.

"We really need to take a look at what we are charging and who is paying these fees," Lemanski said.

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Seniors

Senior Center’s weekly calendar of events

Monday, July 18: 8:15 a.m., Weight Training; 9:30 a.m., Walking Club, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Tuesday, July 19: 8:45 a.m., S.H.I.N.E (by appt.); 9 a.m., Summer Exercise Class Begins; 9:30 a.m., Shuffleboard at St. John’s Field; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, No Movie (Music w/the 215th Army Band); 1 p.m., Internet Class; 1:30 p.m., Mah Jongg; 6 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing.

Wednesday, July 20: 8:15 a.m., Weight Training, Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Walking Club; 9:45 a.m., Beginners Yoga; 11 a.m., Show Trip (The Producers); 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Summer Ballroom Lessons Begin;

1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 6 p.m., Guys & Dolls Pool Club; 7 p.m., Concert at Phelps Green (Enter the Haggis).

Thursday, July 21: 8:30 a.m., Foot Nurses (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing 2; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band; 4 p.m., Zumba with Liz; 5:30 p.m., Yoga; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, July 22: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 9:30 a.m., Walking Club, Hand and Foot Card Game; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Cribbage, Beginner Computer Class (pre-registration required), Ice Cream Soda Social (\$1, in the coffee shop); 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Agawam Senior Center lunch menu

Monday, July 18: Chicken marsala, stuffing, California blend vegetables, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, July 19: Peppersteak, baked potato, squash, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, July 20: Stuffed shells and meatballs, Caesar salad, baked good.

Thursday, July 21: Open-face turkey sandwich w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple.

Friday, July 22: Macaroni and cheese, cornbread, stewed tomatoes, pudding.

TEACHER, from page 1

“Full-day kindergarten really upped things as far as standards go,” she said. With more time to spend with the children, the teachers were able to teach them reading fundamentals so that they entered first grade with an understanding of reading. That was a huge advantage to the transition to full days, she said.

In an effort to give her students the best education possible, Kallfa often worked from home on nights and weekends developing lesson plans.

“I wanted my lessons to be meaningful and help my children grow,” she said.

Those lessons included roughly two hours of English Language Arts courses (which included reading and writing) and an hour of math each day. She worked with each student to determine his or her strengths and identify any trouble spots so she could help them work on it.

“It was always pretty intense and I always had the commitment and dedication to do what I had to do to help them achieve,” she said. “There is nothing better or more powerful than allowing a 5-year-old to come to the front of the class holding a funny wand or pointer and watch them point to and orally read the lines of a poem or chant to others. That was a genuine thrill for me, in addition to seeing how far children can progress in one year at this early age.”

Her ability to help her students succeed is something even her students understand, and when it came time for their children to enter kindergarten, Kallfa was the teacher to whom they turned.

It’s ‘Off to Disney’ at the Agawam Public Library

The Agawam Public Library will host “Heigh-ho Heigh-ho, It’s Off to Disney We Go!” Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

Disney World veteran Barbara Wojciechowski is returning for an encore presentation on how to make the most out of your vacation without breaking the bank or wasting valuable “Disney Time.”

Some topics to be covered include good

planning books, dining, lodging, travel with children, special events, travel in and around Disney World and the “Fast Pass” system. The public is invited to come and learn everything you need to know before you go.

To register, call 789-1550 ext. 109 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. If registering online, questions may be submitted in advance. This program is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.

Agawam Senior Center to hold extended hours

Mayor Richard A. Cohen has announced that the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will hold extended summer hours on Saturday, July 16 and also on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During these extended hours, the senior center will be providing food, refreshments, an ice cream social, activities and more.

“We are trying these extended weekend hours on a trial basis as the seniors of the

town have requested that the senior center be available on weekends,” Cohen explained.

“The activities offered on weekends will vary from the daily activities offered and I am hopeful that the citizens that have not had an opportunity to visit the center during the week, will be able to join us on a Saturday opening. Please stop by as I would be glad to grill you a hot dog.”

Reservations open for Colonial Williamsburg trip

The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter Two is hosting a trip to Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Oct. 10-13. This trip is open to the public and all are invited. Accommodations for overnight will be at The Country Inn and Suites of Williamsburg and a welcome dinner is planned.

On day two, a visit to Jamestown Settlement is planned to explore America’s first permanent English colony with visits to the outdoor recreations of the colonist’s fort, the three ships that arrived from England and a Powhatan Indian Village.

On day three, you will explore Colo-

nia Williamsburg, revealing 18th Century life. Stroll the cobblestone streets and enjoy Merchants Square and enjoy dinner at an authentic Colonial dinner tavern. On day four, the bus will head for home, stopping in Baltimore to explore the Inner Harbor with all its great shops and restaurants.

The cost of this trip is \$505 per person and includes deluxe motor coach, three nights at the Williamsburg Hotel, three breakfasts, three dinners, sightseeing and admissions.

For more information or reservations, contact Art Usher at 786-3567.

Homeless Cat Project slates food drive, benefit car show

WESTFIELD – During this busy kitten season, the Westfield Homeless Cat Project is using 1,200 to 1,500 cans of food/month to feed the pregnant mothers, kittens and other homeless cats under its care. To help meet this need, canned cat and kitten food drives will be held Thursday, July 14 and Thursday, Aug. 11 from 1:30 to 5:30 PM at the Westfield Farmer’s Market, Goodwill parking lot at 47 Franklin St. Donations may be dropped off other times at 1124 East Mountain Road, Westfield. For further information, email: denisesinico@hotmail.com.

The fifth Annual Wheels & Whiskers Benefit Car Show will take place Sunday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mestek Field, 260 North Elm St. in Westfield (rain date, Aug. 28). This day of family fun will include classic cars, food, games, music, raffles, and more. The event benefits the Westfield Homeless Cat Project, so those who come are asked to donate canned cat or kitten food. Admission is free for spectators although donations are gratefully accepted; \$10 donation requested per show car. For further information call Gary at (413) 562-1346.

PHONE SYSTEM, from page 1

ford and Milford, Conn. and Worcester. The firm states they will be able to use existing phone lines to create the new system, thus saving the town money. Early estimates had the system costing nearly \$500,000.

The new phone system will boast many great features that private citizens and companies enjoy, including voicemail, caller ID, the ability to access other employees by dialing a four-digit extension, and virtual voicemail for employees who do have phones in their office/classroom.

Ebner said the current phone system is very difficult to maintain and that given the system is nearly obsolete, obtaining parts is very costly to the town.

Other difficulties include the number of lines the town must have to keep the system, the lack of interconnectivity between buildings, and busy signals when residents call the main number of a building. There is also no disaster back-up plan, currently.

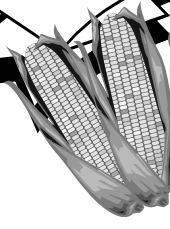
The new system will have ancillary power in several town buildings and each will back-up the other building. The new system will allow people in different buildings to use the “intercom” feature to communicate with one another. For example, the mayor’s office can contact the superintendent’s office simply by dialing an extension instead of making a phone call, an upgrade that will likely save money.

The city council unanimously approved the borrowing authorization for the new phone system.

Ebner said they will be getting work underway this summer and every building should have the new phone system within three months.

After working with Verizon for many years, Agawam will be on the Comcast system with the new phone lines. The town can also reduce the amount of full lines it currently has.

No phone numbers will change with the new system.



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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 74 EMS calls for the week of July 5 to July 11.

On July 5 at 11:41 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for oil or combustible liquid spill.

On July 5 at 1:24 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for unintentional transmission of alarm.

On July 5 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to the intersection of Suffield and Silver Streets for a vehicle accident with injury.

On July 5 at 6:19 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a lockout.

On July 5 at 11:34 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for alarm system sounding, no fire – unintentional.

On July 6 at 5:07 p.m., the department responded to Hunt Street for alarm system sounding, no fire – unintentional.

On July 6 at 5:50 p.m., the department responded to Main Street at Springfield Street for a motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On July 6 at 6:20 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for unintentional transmission of alarm.

On July 6 at 6:21 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a system malfunction.

On July 6 at 10:22 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On July 7 at 1:47 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for road freight or transport vehicle fire.

On July 7 at 11:42 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 7 at 4:24 p.m., the department responded to Begley Street for alarm system sounding, no fire – unintentional.

On July 7 at 4:47 p.m., the department responded to Franklin Street Ext. for unauthorized burning.

On July 7 at 3:25 p.m., the department responded to Harding Street at Springfield Street for power line down.

On July 7 at 5:32 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a lockout.

On July 8 at 1:24 p.m., the department responded to Liswell Drive for unauthorized burning.

On July 8 at 7:39 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a person in distress.

On July 9 at 10:45 a.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for alarm system sounding, no fire – unintentional.

On July 9 at 8:46 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for passenger vehicle fire.

On July 10 at 2:10 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for a vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 10 at 4:05 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 east for a vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 10 at 6:48 p.m., the department responded to Kirkland Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 10 at 7:43 p.m., the department responded to River Road for watercraft rescue.

On July 11 at 1:16 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for oil or other combustible liquid spill.

On July 11 at 4:47 p.m., the department responded to Sylvan Lane for public service assistance.

On July 11 at 11:01 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for a false alarm or false call.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 340 calls from July 5 to July 11. The department made three arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, July 5
Benjamin Martinez, 25, of 3 Jersey Drive, Worcester, was arrested on two warrants.

Saturday, July 9
Bader A. Al-Attar, 19, of 600 Birnie Ave., West Springfield, was arrested on charges of distribution of Class D drug; person under 21 possession of liquor; possession to distribute Class D drug; and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Monday, July 11
Kevin Eugene Corey, 51, of 459 River Road, Agawam, was arrested on two warrants.

Safety a concern following summer storms

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

As Western Massachusetts residents have learned recently, a wide range of natural disasters occurs within the United States every year, which can have a devastating effect on people and their homes. The U.S. Fire Administration (<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/index.shtm>) along with the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (www.mass.gov) encourages residents use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a summer storm. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the outlined safety tips.

The danger of lightning

- * Lightning associated with thunderstorms generates a variety of fire hazards. The power of lightning’s electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, splitting trees and causing fires.
- * Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- * Appliances that have been exposed to water can short and become a fire hazard.
- * Generators are often used during power outages. Generators that are not properly used and maintained can be very hazardous.

Chemical Safety

- * Look for combustible liquids like gasoline, lighter fluid, and paint thinner that may have spilled. Thoroughly clean the spill and place containers in a well-ventilated

- area.
- * Keep combustible liquids away from heat sources.

Electrical Safety

- * If your home has sustained flood or water damage, and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.
- * Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. This includes cable TV feeds.
- * Be aware of and avoid downed utility lines. Report downed or damaged power lines to the utility company or emergency services.
- * Remove standing water, wet carpets and furnishings. Air dry your home with good ventilation before restoring power.
- * Have a licensed electrician check your home for damage.

Gas Safety

- * Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open.
- * Never strike a match. Any size flame can spark an explosion.
- * Before turning the gas back on, have the gas system checked by a professional.

Generator Safety

- * Follow the manufacturer’s instructions and guidelines when using generators.
- * Use a generator or other fuel-powered machines outside the home. CO fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.

- * Use the appropriate sized and type power cords to carry the electric load. Overloaded cords can overheat and cause fires.
 - * Never run cords under rugs or carpets where heat might build up or damage to a cord may go unnoticed.
 - * Never connect generators to another power source such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity or ‘backfeed’ can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.
 - * Read more about generator safety
- And remember ...**
- * Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home’s electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
 - * Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
 - * All smoke alarms should be tested monthly. All batteries should be replaced with new ones at least once a year.
 - * If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of debris for easy access by the fire department.
- For more information on these and other storm safety tips, visit the U.S. Fire Administration website at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/index.shtm> or call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Supper to benefit Casey Fennyery Scholarship Fund

A benefit supper is scheduled for Saturday, July 30 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills, with proceeds going directly to the Casey A. Fennyery Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition to a spaghetti supper, dancing and raffle prizes will be part of the evening.

This fund was started by the Fennyery family and friends in order to keep Casey’s memory alive. He would have turned 27 years-old on July 30.

For more information, email cfennyery@comcast.net or call (413) 478-8740.

Direct donations may also be mailed to the Casey A. Fennyery Memorial Fund, c/o Westfield Bank, 655 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

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In the Classroom

College Notes

Residents named to New England College dean's list

HENNIKER, N.H. – The following local residents were named to the dean's list at New England College for the spring semester: Alyssa Bonavita, of Agawam, and Marisa Ayotte, of Feeding Hills.

Dassatti named to chancellor's list

NORTH DARTMOUTH – Nicholas Dassatti, of Agawam, majoring in biology, has been named to the spring chancellor's list in recognition of earning a semester grade point average of 3.8 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

Tierney graduates from University of Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. - Caitlyn E. Tierney, of Feeding Hills, recently graduated magna cum laude from the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary education. Tierney was honored with several Meritorious awards and finished 15th in her class of 1,429 graduates with a 3.88 GPA. She is a 2007 graduate of Agawam High School and is the daughter of Bill and Deb Tierney, of Feeding Hills. Tierney will be headed to the University of Connecticut this fall to pursue her master's degree in curriculum and instruction.



Residents named to Elms College dean's list

CHICOPEE - The following Agawam residents were named to the Elms College dean's list for the spring semester: Jessica Morris, Karissa Venne and Ryan Sullivan. To qualify, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester and complete at least 12 credits.

Walsh named to MCPHS dean's list

BOSTON – The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has announced that Andrea M. Walsh, of Feeding Hills, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Walsh, the daughter of Bernard and Mary Walsh, is pursuing a bachelor of science in premedical and health sciences and will graduate in 2012.

Davis graduates from Syracuse University

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Caitlyn M. Davis, of Feeding Hills, graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in music and allied entertainment industries. She belongs to the first graduating class of a new program at Syracuse developed and funded by Martin Bandier, CEO of Sony/ATV Music Publishing. While at Syracuse, Davis was president of MEISA, the student-run music and entertainment association that developed and promoted concerts on campus. In addition, she interned at a concert promotion firm while on semester in London and at Disneyland in Anaheim in guest relations. Davis begins her career with a position at Walt Disney World in park events.



O'Keefe graduates from Lesley University

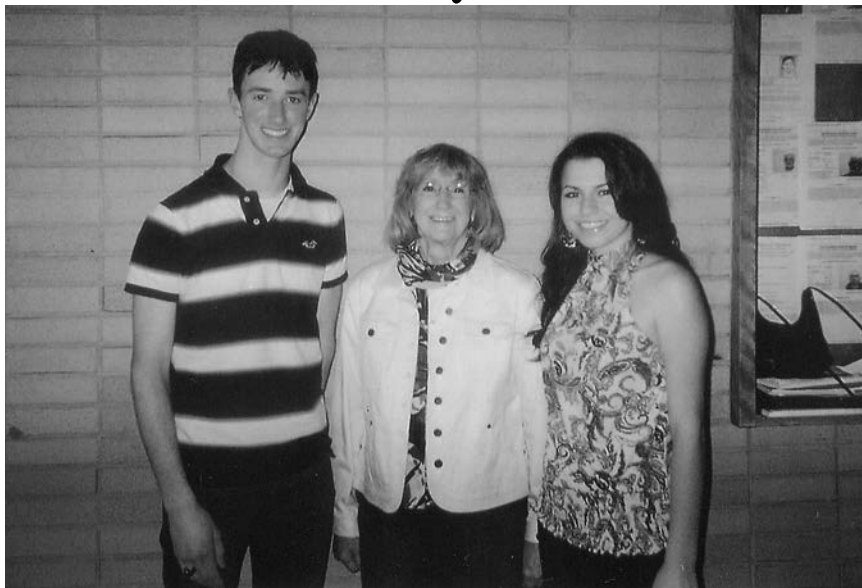
CAMBRIDGE – Betsy O'Keefe, the daughter of Jim and Cathy O'Keefe of Agawam and Tarpon Springs, Fla., graduated with honors from Lesley University at ceremonies held May 17. She earned her master's degree in elementary education. This summer, O'Keefe will be a teacher at the Agawam Special Education Summer Program. She is currently employed at the James Clark Elementary School in Agawam as a teacher's assistant.



Baker named to Boston University dean's list

BOSTON – Emily E. Baker, of Feeding Hills was among students to be named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring semester.

Scholarship Awards



The Agawam Lioness Club presented its scholarships to selected graduating seniors at a recent meeting held at Casa Di Lisa Restaurant. Lioness president Bev Tetreault, center, congratulates two of the winners, Nicholas Cormier, left, and Liridona Ahmeti, right. Missing is scholarship recipient Samantha Hurley.



The Agawam Golden Agers Chapter Two recently awarded scholarships to three Agawam High School graduating seniors. Presenting the awards was Wilma Gillan, treasurer. From left, Nicholas Cormier, recipient of the \$500 Ruth and James Birchall Scholarship; Gillan; and \$500 Chapter Two scholarship recipients Benjamin Flythe and Liridona Ahmeti. On hand to congratulate the winners was Conni Lind, Chapter Two president, right.



The Agawam Congregational Church has announced that the following students were awarded scholarships. From left, Michael Follis, attending Westfield State College; Denise Gates, attending UMass Dartmouth; Andrew Ellsworth, attending UMass Amherst; Erin Mallory, attending Franklin Pierce University. Missing is Kevin Mallory, attending University of Nevada, Reno.

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SummerFest: Music to their ears...



Evan Goodrow wowed the crowd with his easy listening soul music.

The annual SummerFest concert series, which features family-friendly free music at Veterans Green in Agawam on Wednesdays during the summer, continued last week with a performance by soul singer Evan Goodrow.

The SummerFest 2011 concert series is sponsored by Agawam Park and Recreation Department, Agawam Rotary Club and Agawam Cultural Council.

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Madeline, 2, Emily, 6, Samantha, 6, and Jill Suprenant of Agawam loved the cotton candy and the great music.



Caitlin Johnson, Alyssa, and Amaya Donald, all of Agawam.



Alyssa Johnson and Alana Black, both 9, agree music is even better with great friends.



Jack, 6, and Jade Canney, 10, and Eleni Mastromatteo, 10, of Agawam brought along Buddy to enjoy the show.



Dylan Jorgenson, 20 months, of Agawam, was dancing the night away.



April Kelly and her son, Patrick, 7, of Agawam, sit back and relax while enjoying the music performed by Evan Goodrow.



SPORTS

Tigers U13 Boys make run at state soccer title

LANCASTER - Last weekend the Agawam Boys U13 Tigers represented Western Mass and Agawam at the Division 1 state soccer championships. The Tigers earned the right and the title of Western Mass champs by going 14-1 during the regular season in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League.

The Tigers would travel to Lancaster to play the sectional champs from: Cape Cod, Boston and Essex County. The tigers would have to win their group to move to the knockout round on Sunday.

The Tigers came out strong against Cape Cod storming out to three goals in the first 10 minutes and completely dominated the game. Tyler Graves, Luis Nieves and Chris Noto all scored for the Tigers. The Tigers were led in the midfield by Anthony Sciarтели and Trevor Lyne. Steve Ludtke made 10 saves in net and only allowed a late PK in keeping Cape Cod off the board the rest of the game. Eugene Cone, John Morris, Joe Mozdzanowski and Dan Korotich led the Tigers defensively. Tymothy Regnier and Cam Verville played brilliantly at outside midfield positions.

“This was a great start to a tournament,” coach Brian Regnier stated. “We came out with a lot of aggression and really beat them to every ball. It was as dominating as I have ever seen this team.”

The next game would face the Tigers against Essex County in an emotionally and physically exhausting game that would push the Tigers past any level they have ever played.

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Tyler Graves and Trevor Lynn make a run up the field.



Eugene Cone tries to run the ball down.



Luis Nieves and Dan Korotich both go after the ball through a defender.

Agawam resident invited to USA Sled Hockey Development Camp

AGAWAM - Corey Drouin, 22, of Feeding Hills, a captain of CHD Disability Resources Western Mass Knights adult sled hockey team, has been invited to the USA Sled Hockey Player Development Camp in Rochester, N.Y.

The sixth annual 2011 USA Sled Hockey Player Development Camp will be held July 16-21 in Rochester. Attendance at this camp is by invitation only, and only 33 athletes were selected. CHD Disability Resources had four players picked to take part: Drouin and his teammates Ben Eastman, 32, of Colrain, and Erica Way, 19, of Webster; and Nico Helems, 18, of Easthampton, a member of the Springfield Sliders junior sled hockey team.

Both the Knights and the Sliders play and practice at the Amelia Park Ice Arena in Westfield, which supplies sleds and ice time to the two teams.

Tryouts for the USA National Sled Hockey Team will take place immediately following the conclusion of the USA Sled Hockey Player Development Camp at the ESL Sports Centre

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in Rochester. Players for the USA Hockey Junior National Sled Team for the 2011-12 season will be selected from the USA Hockey National Sled Development Camp.

For the past 33 summers, USA Hockey (www.usahockey.com) has conducted various player development camps for young athletes throughout the country. The goal is to attract the best players in their specific age group to USA Hockey’s national development program. One of the primary purposes of the camps is to identify, train and edu-

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Agawam marches on to finals

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam Little League 9-10 All-Stars were headed for the championship game after defeating Belchertown’s All-Stars in the semifinals of the 9/10 pool play late last week.

Agawam is looking to continue the success in the 9/10 age and have done so in the first round of the Little League Tournament with Agawam’s 9/10 team going 3-1 in the first round and reaching the finals with a defeat of Belchertown 9-5.

Belchertown was the top team in the opposite District 2 pool, Agawam must face Northampton in the finals.

They have already beaten Northampton once in pool play with an 8-1 trouncing at the end of June. The Little League tournament has been hampered by rain delaying and postponing several games. They were originally scheduled to play the championship game on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Park in Agawam.

This will be the second year that Agawam’s 9/10 will

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Brown Sox battling for playoff spot

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam Brown Sox are holding on to a fight for second place in the South Division and split a doubleheader on Saturday to keep their playoff hopes in place and hold a 6-6 record with just four games remaining in the regular season.

On Saturday at School Street Park, the Brown Sox were defeated by the Springfield Indians and beat the defending league champion Chicopee Tigers.

Against the Tigers, Agawam got a good pitching performance from Ralphie Rivera, who struggled throughout the game, but Agawam provided enough offense for an 11-7 win in the second half of the doubleheader.

Agawam held on to a firm lead throughout the game to make a winner of Rivera for the third time this season.

The Brown Sox played excellent defense in a the final

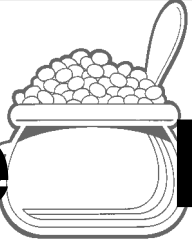
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The Beane Pot

by Carl Beane

Nation gets first hand at abysmal Orioles

Congrats to Yankee captain on 3,000 hits



Hello ladies and gentlemen boys and girls and welcome to the BeanePot. This past weekend Red Sox fans had the chance to see up close and personal the catastrophe that is the Baltimore Orioles.

This collection of baseball players find themselves 18 games behind the Red Sox with 74 games to go. At first glance one would think bad players are to blame and it is true of the pitching staff. But it is also a poor reflection on owner Peter Angelos and manager Buck Showalter. Angelos is a world class idiot who has taken a team that was for many years the standard of excellence in baseball and has destroyed it. He has spent foolishly for junk. There is some talent on this team with guys like Adam Jones and Nick Markakis. But they cannot pitch so throw the general manager under the bus as well.

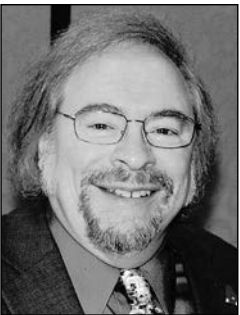
Showalter is another story, William Nathaniel Showalter III always had my respect as a guy that instilled discipline and doing things the right way. He was very disappointing in his handling of the series with the Red Sox. It was he who encouraged pitchers throwing at David Ortiz, Kevin Youkilis and others. He started all this running his normally tight-lipped mouth about the payroll of the Red Sox and whined about Derek Jeter getting so many called balls. He was wrong. It is NOT Boston or New York's

fault they spend. Hey Buck, your owner spends as well, and he isn't very good at it. Shut your mouth, teach your guys the game because if you fail, you'll be back at ESPN sooner than you think.

Congratulations to the Yankees Derek Jeter on collecting his 3000th hit over the weekend. "Jeet" is just the 28th player in history to achieve that mark, and only he and Wade Boggs are the only ones to do it by hitting a home run. He plays with class and dignity. Any kid, boy or girl, that plays this game can and should learn from the Yankee captain by doing things the right way and respecting the game.

One of the most important people in Red Sox history died last week, Dick Williams. This brash no-nonsense guy became the skipper of the 1967 Impossible Dream Red Sox. This was when the "modern era of Boston baseball" began. They were a 100-to-1 shot of finishing first, did that and extended the Cardinals to a seventh game before losing the World Series in 1967. His stay was brief, just three years, but the impact he left on Red Sox Nation was so important. I still believe that Terry Francona is the best manager this franchise has ever had, but Dick Williams gave the Nation faith. Dick Williams was 82. Amen.

Please contact me at my website www.carlbeane.com or email me at cbeane@carlbeane.com.



Foley, Walles honored as McDonald's Scholar-Athletes



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SPRINGFIELD - High school seniors from across Western Massachusetts were recently presented with the McDonald's McScholar Athlete Award for exemplary athletic and academic achievements, strong leadership, good citizenship and high levels of integrity. A total of 84 students – the largest McScholar class in program history – were presented with the award at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield by Scott Coen, sports director of WGGB-TV. Tony Carter, current NFL player on the New England Patriots, served as the event's keynote speaker. Wayne LeBrun, owner/operator of seven McDonald's restaurants in Massachusetts, congratulated the athletes and welcomed the principals, parents, and coaches who turned out to honor the accomplishments of the scholar-athletes. The students have successfully balanced participation in school sports, strong academic standing, community volunteerism, as well as numerous other activities.

The following high school students were honored with the McScholar Athlete Award: Meghan Foley and Andrew Walles, both of Agawam.

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Agawam to host skateboarding camp

AGAWAM - Among the unique sports camps, Agawam hold a skateboarding one at Shea Field Skateboard Park.

Instructors from Theory Skate Shop will be back again in 2011 to instruct skateboarders and give them skills with games and drills on the grinding rails, launch ramps, boxes and more.

Boarders are required to bring their own skateboard. A helmet is required to participate.

Sessions are being held from July 18-21 and Aug. 15-18.

For more information, call 821-0513.

Co-ed youth volleyball camp

AGAWAM – Agawam Parks and Recreation Volleyball Camp will run Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21 and is for boys and girls currently in grades 5-8.

The camp will be run by Pat Demers, Agawam High School boys and girls varsity coach.

The camp will focus on the fundamental skills, tactics, rules, and strategies. Participants need to wear sneakers and bring their lunch daily.

The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the high school gymnasium.

The cost is \$100.

For more information, call 821-0513.

Bethany Assembly of God's 10th Annual Royal Family Kid's Camp Golf

AGAWAM - Bethany Assembly of God Church on Main Street will be holding their annual golf tournament this summer to benefit the Royal Family Kid's Camp.

Over 3 million children in America suffer physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Their daily lives are filled with pain, suffering, and fear. But at Royal Family Kids' Camps, The church of Bethany gives them a week of their lives back — a week to laugh, play, feel safe, and just be kids.

This year the tournament will be held on Saturday, July 23 at St. Ann's Country Club on Shoemaker Lane. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m., but you are asked to be there for registration check-in at 12:30 p.m.

The cost for the tournament is \$80 and it includes, greens fees, golf cart, and tournament dinner. There will also be prizes for different holes.

If you or your company would like to help these children by sponsoring a tee, the cost is \$100.

You do not have to have a foursome to play. People outside of foursomes will be matched up with other golfers.

Come out and help Bethany give back to these precious kids.

Deadline for registration is July 17.

To have a registration form sent to you, go to www.bethany-ag.org or call 413-789-2930

Springfield College to hold field hockey camp

SPRINGFIELD - For field hockey enthusiasts getting ready for the fall sport, All-Star Field Hockey will hold their annual field hockey camp hosted by Springfield College coach Melissa Sharpe.

An overnight camp is being held from July 31-Aug. 3, and a day camp is being held from Aug. 1-4. The overnight camp is \$460 per person and the day camp is \$200 per person.

It is open to players ranging in ages from seven all the way through high school.

The day camp is recommended for beginners aged 7-12.

For more information, go to allstarfieldhockey.com.

AIC to host women's basketball camp

SPRINGFIELD - The American International College women's basketball team will host a summer day camp the week of July 25-29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp is designed to improve the skills and overall game of female basketball players from grades 2-12.

The camp will be directed by head coach Kristen Patterson and assistant coach Stacy Boisvert.

For more information on how to register, contact Boisvert at 413-205-3923 or visit www.aicyellowjackets.com.

Teams wanted for Lou Casagrande Tournament

LUDLOW – Teams are needed to play in the 10th annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament.

The tournament runs from July 27-Aug. 1 and is for teams in divisions 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14.

The cost is \$275 per team.

For more information, call Bob Bohl at 413-348-5752.

Kiwanis Club slates annual golf tourney

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club has announced that its annual golf tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 15 at the Springfield Country Club.

The event will include 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner buffet, regular raffle prizes, super raffle prizes and contests, including hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive and putting contests.

This is both a new date and a new venue for one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, and it promises to be one of the best.

For further information, call Adam Zebian at 454-5021 or Mike Lupi at 636-3769.

2011 Perry Lane Pool schedule

AGAWAM – The 2011 Perry Lane Pool schedule is as follows: Mondays and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Perry Lance Camp, 3:30 to 5 p.m. public swim and 5 to 7 p.m. swim lessons.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Perry Lane Camp, 3:30 to 6 p.m. public swim and 6 to 7 p.m. swim lessons.

Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Perry Lane Camp and 3:30 to 6 p.m. public swim.

Saturdays and Sundays: 12 to 5 p.m. public swim.

The pool schedule is subject to change.

Daily pool passes are \$1 per person and can be purchased at the pool from the lifeguard on duty.

An adult must accompany children under the age of 16.

Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or swimmy diapers are recommended.

Flotation devices are not permitted.

Swimmers must shower before entering the pool.

Anyone with a communicable disease is not permitted in the pool.

The pool may be closed due to extreme weather, special events or emergencies.

The pool director and head lifeguard has authority over all pool rules and closures.

To get your organization's information placed in the Agawam Advertiser News, contact Sports Editor Dave Forbes at 413-283-8393 ext. 237 or send an email to dforbes@turley.com.

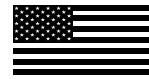


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Obituaries & Church News

RICHARD J. ADELMAN, SR.

Richard J. Adelman, Sr., of Agawam, died Monday, July 11, 2011 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He was born June 12, 1925 in Washington, D.C., a son of the late Frederick and Edna (Blake) Adelman. Richard served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years during WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1963. He is survived by his loving wife, Muriel C. (Hendricks) Adelman; daughter Katherine A. LaPier; and sons Richard J. Adelman, Jr. and Robert M. Adelman. He will also be missed by his seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, whom he adored and loved; brother Robert Adelman; and nephew Richard Adelman. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Mary E. Lebel; and son, Frederick Adelman. A funeral service for Richard will be held on Friday, July 15 beginning at noon from Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam with a Liturgy of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 1 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam. Interment with military honors will follow in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Calling hours will be from 4-8 p.m., Thursday, July 14 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Richard's name to Sisters of St. Joseph, 34 Lower Westfield Road, Suite 1, Holyoke, MA 01040 or Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104-2396.



MARY EVA NASCEMBENI

Mary Eva (Florian) Nascembeni, 75, of Agawam, entered into rest on Saturday, July 9, 2011 in Baystate Medical Center. Born Aug. 7, 1935, in Gambellara, province of Vicenza, Italy, she moved to the United States in 1950 through Ellis Island. She was the daughter of the late Francesco and Drosolina "Nella" (Fossa) Florian. During her lifetime she devoted her time to raising her five children, cooking, traveling, furniture refinishing, going to weekly tag sales, working at Whitney Tailor and as a bus monitor at the Five Star Bus Company, as well as chairing numerous charitable events. She was a communicant of the former St. Anthony of Padua Church and most recently Sacred Heart Church. Her husband, Bartholomew "Bhutto" Nascembeni died in 1997. She leaves behind four daughters, AnnaMaria and her husband Russell Mitchell of Wilbraham, Karen and her husband Steven Richard of Lynnfield, Sandra and her husband William McArthur of Haverhill, Gina Nascembeni of Agawam; a son, John and his wife Lisa Nascembeni of Enfield; two sisters, Giuliana "Julie" Turrini and her late husband, Albert, Rita and her husband Richard Gauthier,



all of Agawam; eight grandchildren, Jillian (Mitchell) and her husband Heath Desso, Michael Mitchell and his wife Estrella "Star," Jennings (McArthur) and her husband Kevin Billings, Bartholomew, Alexandra and Nathaniel McArthur, Joseph and Victoria Nascembeni; four great-grandchildren, Kiara, Alyssa, Adriana, Kayden Desso; 28 nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; extended family and her lifelong friends, Dolores Gatti and Joan Eagan. A funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills. Agawam Funeral Home had care of arrangements. Donations may be made to Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut St., 6th Floor, Springfield, MA 01199, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Baystate Medical Center - Springfield 3rd floor, Katz Oncology wing and Baystate Hospice for their kindness, compassion and caring during this difficult time.

Church Directory

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745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
Agawam1@verizon.net
www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com
Pastor Earl E. Eisenbach

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.
Church school is in session and fellowship coffee hour follows the service. Pastor Earl and his wife Barbara are always available for prayer after the service.
"A place to call home ~ A people to call family"

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
459 Mill St., Feeding Hills
Church Phone: (413) 786-4174
Pastor's Phone: (413) 789-1095
Pastor Susan Feurzeig
Sfeurzei@gmail.com
Trueblue2007@aol.com
www.agawamworship.org

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
Worship 9 a.m.
Coffee and fellowship hour immediately after Worship.
WORSHIP AT COUNTRY ESTATES NURSING HOME 2nd and 5th Thursdays each month at 11 a.m.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
580 Main St., Agawam
(413) 789-2930
www.bethany-ag.org
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Celebration of Praise: Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Service (Family Night): 7 p.m.
Saturday Evening Contemporary Service: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION
50 Maple St., Agawam
(413) 304-2313
churchofredemptionministries.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH
370 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam
(413) 786-1681
www.jesusaves.7@comcast.com
Church Website: www.faithbiblechurch.org
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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fhuccoffice@verizon.net
Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Church School 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
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760 Main St., Agawam
Agawambc@localnet.com
www.firstbaptistagawam.org

SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (grades K - 5) following Children's Message until 10:45
Youth Study time (grades 6+) following sermon until 10:45
Coffee & Conversation following worship every Sunday

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
152 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
Feeding Hills, MA
478-9484
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
(413) 786-8200
www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES
Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.
Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

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699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.
786-6133
saintdavids@comcast.net.
www.stdavidsagawam.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Nursery care is provided.

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823 Main St., Agawam
786-8105
info@stjohnnevangelistchurch.org.
www.stjohnnevangelistchurch.org.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturdays: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Saturdays: 5 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Weekdays - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.
Thursday - Communion Service

Bethany to host Living Proof Live Simulcast event

Thousands of women will gather Saturday, Sept. 10 from the comfort of their own churches to hear Beth Moore's inspiring teachings through her "Living Proof Live Simulcast" event at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam.



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Beth Moore

with God. Moore is known for her ability to apply biblical scripture to everyday life.

Last year, more than 100,000 women, representing 8,400 churches, participated in the Living Proof Live simulcast event. This year's event provides the same inspiration, though with a new, unique message.

For ticket information, call 413-789-2930. Early reservations are encouraged, as seating is limited. The doors will open at 9 a.m.

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Business

Personnel announcements from ECS

Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. (ECS) has announced that Shawn Rising, a senior project manager in itsr Agawam office, has passed the examination and received designation as a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP).

An LSP is an experienced professional in the field of hazardous waste site assessment, cleanup and removal. An LSP must have at least five years of experience conducting and overseeing assessments, removals or cleanups of sites, suitable technical background and good moral character.

Rich Geisler, PG, LSP has been appointed manager of Due Diligence and Environmental Risk Services. In this capacity, Geisler oversees large accounts with financial institutions throughout the Northeast. He has 17 years of due diligence experience and has been with ECS since 2004. He is a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional (LSP) and a New Hampshire Professional Geologist (PG).

Paul Tangredi, Director of Energy Services at ECS, has passed the exam to obtain his unrestricted Massachusetts Construction Supervisor License (CSL). Tangredi has three decades of experience in the utility, environmental and energy sectors, and has been a part of the ECS team since 2005.

Westfield Bank steps up Red Cross support

WESTFIELD – When people think about a disaster response, their first thought is likely the American Red Cross. The recent devastation wrought by the June 1 tornadoes bore this out. Local as well as Red Cross volunteers from around the country immediately began the vital work of tending to the needs of hundreds of individuals displaced by these terrible storms. Individuals and businesses responded with more than \$1.5 million in donations. Westfield Bank has also stepped up its support of the Red Cross in recent days. The bank has donated \$25,000 to the Western Mass tornado relief efforts. Bank employees participated in a “dress down day” fundraising event, raising another \$1100. Also, every Westfield Bank location serves as an official collection site for the American Red Cross Western Mass Tornado Relief Fund. But the real power of the relationship lies in the bank’s long-standing support of the organization. According to Rich Rubin, Director of the Greater Westfield Chapter, the bank has been a stalwart supporter for the past 20 years. When

the organization needed a new emergency vehicle, Westfield Bank went beyond its annual support of the organization and donated \$10,000 toward its purchase.

“It’s this annual support that is so vital to our organization,” said Rubin. “Local Red Cross chapters provide valuable services day in and day out. Our operations depend on annual commitments made by generous corporate partners like Westfield Bank.” According to Rubin, Jim Hagan, Westfield Bank President and CEO was a natural choice to receive this year’s Outstanding Community Spirit Award from the Greater Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross. “The event typified Jim Hagan’s commitment to our organization. The bank served as a major sponsor for the event. Jim personally sourced a number of very popular items for our auction including a helmet signed by Tom Brady. And the event netted more than \$49,000 for our chapter. Corporate partners don’t get any better than this!”

Park Square announces top producers

Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Park Square Feeding Hills office, announced this week the Feeding Hills top producing agents for the second quarter of 2011. The agents to gain this recognition for the months of April, May and June are Tim Coughlen, Diane Kapinos and Joanne Kean.

Barry Boccasile, director of Growth and Development and manager of the Westfield Park Square office, announced the Park Square Westfield top producers for the same time period. They are Julianne Krutka, Kris Cook, and Lelsey Lambert.

Park Square Realty is a locally owned company with 48 agents and two locations in Feeding Hills and Westfield.

Welch’s TV show to air

WEST SPRINGFIELD - State Sen. James T. Welch, D-West Springfield, has announced that his television series, “Common Talk About the Commonwealth,” will air this month on Public Access Television in Agawam, Sundays at 7 p.m.

A new guest is featured on the show each month. This month’s show features Katie Stebbins, director of Western Massachusetts Partnerships at Mass Mentoring Partnership.

To contact Welch or Ross Hildonen, district director, call (413) 737-7756.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM** in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council on a proposed zoning amendment to Section 180-44H of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance regarding outdoor dining. A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Travis Ward, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
7/7,7/14/11

AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 27, 2011**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 21 South Street which comes under the Town of Agawam’s Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of **David Cecchi**,
Chairman

AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

7/14,7/21/11

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Public Schools, Department of Special Services hereby notifies individuals, who were formally enrolled in special services and terminated prior to July 1, 2006, that their special services records will be destroyed fourteen (14) days from the date of this publication. Anyone who wants their records must notify Agawam Special Services, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001, in writing by **August 2, 2011**. After August 2, 2011 the records will be destroyed.
7/14/11

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD11P1349EA
In the Estate of:
Anthony Christola
Late of:
Agawam, MA 01001
Date of Death: 03/26/1995
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATOR**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **Margaret**

Bousquet of Westfield, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve Without Surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at: Springfield on or before ten o’clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 08/04/2011

Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 8, 2011

Thomas P. Moriarty, Jr.
Register of Probate
7/14/11

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
HAMPDEN, Div.
HD08P2681EA**

To all persons interested in the estate of **George R. Hendricks**, late of Agawam, in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 118E, § 32(g) and M.G.L. c. 202, § 1, praying that the estate of said George Hendricks be compelled to pay to said petitioner the sum of one hundred thousand, five hundred fifty-nine dollars and seventy cents (\$100,559.70) plus additional statutory interest; and if available funds do not exist, that said Estate shall make all reasonable efforts to sell certain real estate situated at 11 Westford Circle, Agawam, MA, as required under M.G.L. c. 202, § 1, and make payment to said Executive Office as soon as funds are available, all as more fully set forth in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the twenty-

seventh day of July 2011, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **ANNE M. GEOFFRION** Esquire, First Justice of said Court this twenty-ninth day of June 2011.

Thomas P Moriarty, Jr.
Register
7/14/11

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD11P0611GD
In the matter of:
Melissa Marie Washburne
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Department of Developmental Services** of Palmer, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Melissa M Washburne** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Gene Friedlander** of Northampton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 07/25/2011. This day is NOT

a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2011
Thomas P. Moriarty, Jr.
Register of Probate
7/14/11

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD11P1298PM
In the matter of:
Su Ying Wernecke
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Jerry L Wernecke** of Indian Orchard, MA in the

above captioned matter alleging that **Su Ying Wernecke** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jerry L Wernecke** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 07/27/2011. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2011
Thomas P. Moriarty, Jr.
Register of Probate
7/14/11

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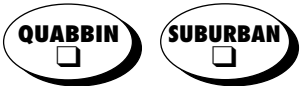
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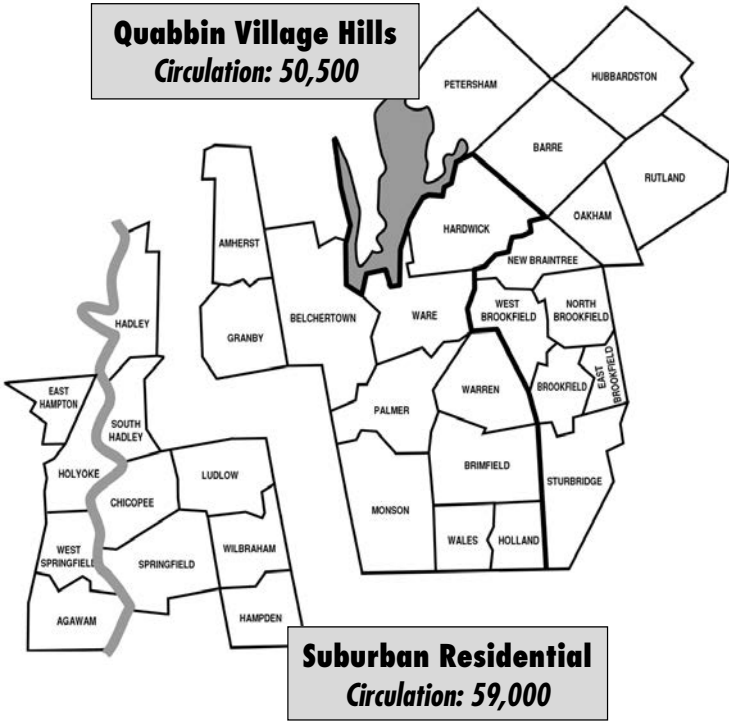
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Out & About

Send all community calendar items to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457 or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please list time, date and place of event, contact information and a brief description of the activity involved. Deadline for all community submissions is noon on Monday.

Friday, July 15

THE SWINGLES SQUARE DANCE CLUB will hold a Mainstream Dance from 8-10:30 p.m. (early rounds from 7:30-8 p.m.) at the East Longmeadow Senior Center, 328 North Main St. Cost is \$7 per person; singles and couples welcome, spectators free. For more information, call Dick Walker at (413) 525-3324.

Saturday, July 16

A COMMUNITY-WIDE FLEA MARKET will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date, July 23). The public is invited to come and enjoy fun, food and music and shop. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SOCIETY will host its annual feast on the Society grounds at 15 Winthrop St., Springfield today and tomorrow, rain or shine. There will be food and entertainment. The public is invited.

A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield (next to Forest Park) from 4-7:30 p.m. (rain date, July 17). Stop by for a free hamburger, enter a drawing for a free pie, play a little volleyball, watch your children jump in the bounce house. It's going to be a fun time.

Monday, July 18

THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SUMMER READING program continues its series of events with "Lunchtime Lyrics with Corlene Roberts." Bring your lunch and enjoy a concert at 12:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., artist Gregory Maichack returns to offer a pastel class (limited to 24 people). To register for either program, call 789-1550 ext. 109 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Receive a raffle ticket for each program you attend. The more you read, the more chances you have of winning one of 20 prizes

Tuesday, July 19

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a concert featuring the music of the 215th Army Band. The public is welcome.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE AGAWAM LIBRARY continue at 11 a.m. with

"Friendship Adventure," an anti-bullying program for grades K-5. To register, visit www.readsinma.org/agawam. Any child who reads, or is read to, for 20 minutes a day receives a raffle ticket for prizes. After 25 days of reading books checked out, participants will be eligible for a certificate and a book of their choice.

TECH TUESDAY CLASSES at the Westfield Athenaeum continue with "Email Messages and Attachments." These free classes are offered for patrons interested in learning more about common computer uses and will be held in the Elizabeth Reed Room from 12:30-1 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, contact technology assistant Tegan Mannino, the instructor, at tman-nino@westath.org or call (413) 562-0716 ext. 4.

FIRST PARK MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Forest Park Ave. and Garfield Street in Springfield, has a Prayer Shawl Ministry that meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the church parlor. Participants enjoy fellowship while creating shawls for those who need them. Every level of knitting or crocheting is welcome. The public is invited to join. For more information, call the church office at 734-1715.

Wednesday, July 20

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE AGAWAM LIBRARY continues at 11 a.m. with "Creature Teachers." For ages 3 and older, the goal of this program is to fascinate audiences with the wonders and diversity of the animals that share our planet. To register, visit www.readsinma.org/agawam. Any child who reads, or is read to, for 20 minutes a day receives a raffle ticket for prizes. After 25 days of reading books checked out, participants will be eligible for a certificate and a book of their choice.

A STORYTELLING TOUR titled "Storowton and the Civil War" will be held at Storowton Village from 6-8 p.m. offering an inside look at how folks in the Northeast coped with the Civil War. The tour will begin in the Storowton Village Meetinghouse. Reservations are required and the price to attend is \$5 per person. For more information, call (413) 205-5051 or email storow@TheBigE.com.

Thursday, July 21

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Finding Joseph Skinner, Collector," with Cheryl Harned, assistant curator at the Joseph Allen Skinner Museum at Mt. Holyoke College, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Arts

Enter the Haggis up next on SummerFest stage

The Wednesday, July 20 SummerFest concert

Toronto's Celtic Rock band, Enter The Haggis (ETH) will be the featured performer at the Wednesday, July 20 SummerFest concert, with Caravan of Thieves as the opening act. ETH has found itself at the center of a grassroots success story, even teetering on the brink of mainstream success. From playing Celtic festivals to headlining them, and from the festival circuit to selling out multiple nights in rock venues, ETH has blazed a path with heavy and almost constant touring up and down the East Coast, to Canada, the West Coast and back again, winning over success one fan, one town, one region at a time.

The band features Celtic rock full of anthemic choruses that will have lovers of both Irish music and rock raising their glasses

with cheerful abandon.

The 2011 SummerFest concerts are brought to you by the following corporate sponsors: Agawam Advertiser/Turley Publications, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Rotary Club, Azon Liquors, Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Power, Bolduc's Apparel, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Easthampton Savings Bank, First Niagara, Hampden Bank, Hastie Fence, Holyoke Credit Union, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, Olympic Manufacturing Group, Quality Auto, Sarat Ford, United Bank, Westfield Bank and West of the River Chamber of Commerce.

All shows will be held at 7 p.m. on Veteran's Green, 689 Main St., Agawam, in front of Phelps Elementary School. In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the air-conditioned auditorium at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St.



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This poor female isn't singing a nice song, she's panting to keep her body temperature down. Feeding Hills resident Randy Ennis captured this image recently, and said, "Birds lack sweat glands (like dogs) and must pant to equalize body temperature. We make sure to keep water in the 'bird bath' to help them out." Do you have your own photos to share? Send them to Agawam Advertiser News Editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

A BENEFIT DINNER FOR AGAWAM RESIDENT NICK PISANO is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 at the Elks Pavilion on Morgan Road in West Springfield. Pisano was driving home from his job at C&S Wholesale Grocers in Windsor Locks, Conn. on April 11 when his car collided head-on with a truck. For tickets or to make a donation, call Colleen Mutti at (413) 786-2876 or email cjean66@comcast.net.

THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SUMMER READING program continues its series of events Tuesday, July 26 with "Lunchtime Lyrics with Corlene Roberts." Bring your lunch and enjoy a concert at 12:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., veteran Disney traveler Barb Wojciechowski returns to help plan a Disney trip on a budget. To register for either program, call 789-1550 ext. 109 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Receive a raffle ticket for each program you attend.

The more you read, the more chances you have of winning one of 20 prizes.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE AGAWAM LIBRARY continues Wednesday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m. with "Travel Bingo." For ages 6-12, participants will identify world landmarks while having fun playing Bingo for prizes. To register, visit www.readsinma.org/agawam. Any child who reads, or is read to, for 20 minutes a day receives a raffle ticket for prizes. After 25 days of reading books checked out, participants will be eligible for a certificate and a book of their choice.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host blood drives, Thursday, July 28 from 1-6 p.m. at OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam and Friday, July 29 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St. All presenting donors will receive a Friendly's Ice Cream coupon. To make an appointment, call 800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.



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Enter the Haggis will perform at the next SummerFest concert scheduled for July 20 at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Green on Main Street.

Agawam awards School Street Barn contract

On June 30, Agawam awarded the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) a \$6,000 contract to bring the School Street Barn a step closer to its restoration and use for civic functions. The \$6,000 grant was received from Agawam's CPA Fund.

The "big red barn" holds a prominent position at the entrance to the town's popular School Street Park. By some accounts, the barn was constructed in the late 1800s and is a rare double ramp New England-style barn. Bonnie Parsons, PVPC's manager of historic preservation programs, stated, "The School Street barn has taken on increased significance as Agawam's barns have gradually been lost, but it is also important for its uncommon design and its century-long history of diverse owners and uses."

Recently, the road to be listed on the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic places was cleared by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). In his Feb. 3 opinion, Michael Steinitz of MHC reported, "The barn at present retains sufficient integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association to convey its historic and architectural significance."

"I could not be more pleased that our unique piece of Agawam's agricultural heritage is getting closer to being utilized by the citizens of Agawam for civic events," said Mayor Richard Cohen. "Protecting and preserving Agawam's historic resources, like the School Street barn, is critically important for not only Agawam's future generation, but for the entire Pioneer Valley."

The charge of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be to prepare the necessary documentation for listing in the National Register as well as assist the Agawam Planning Department in obtaining restoration funds from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund and the Agawam Community Preservation Act Fund. PVPC's contract will be completed by Feb. 28.



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The town of Agawam recently awarded the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission a \$6,000 contract to restore the School Street Barn.

Springfield Museums' Summer Celebration continues

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Museums' Summer Celebration continues July 18-22 with live performances presented on Toe-Tapping Tuesdays, Wacky Wednesdays, and Fun Fridays.

Activities are free with the price of museum admission unless noted. Summer Celebration is sponsored in part by Berkshire Bank.

Daily Activities, July 18-22: Control your own virtual dinosaur in the special exhibit "Be the Dinosaur" and dig for fossils in the Dinosaur Dig Lab. (additional fee); Hands-on Family Science Adventures, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Planetarium Shows, 11:15 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. (additional fee); Art-making activity: Make a Greek, African, or Mayan Mask, noon-3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19: Performance: "African Touch" by Akwaaba Traditional Drum and Dance Ensemble - West African rhythm and dance, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20: Performance: "The Real McCoy Show" by Brent McCoy - A construction-themed comedy act with wild stunts and audience participation, 1 p.m.; Child Safety and Identification Day: Fingerprinting and photos for child identification cards. Parent or guardian must be present, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, July 22: Performance: "The Nightingale" by Figures of Speech Theatre - Broadway musical adaptation of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale with puppets and actors, 1 p.m.

The Springfield Museums are located on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St. in downtown Springfield. Free onsite parking is available. Summer hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$9 for seniors and college students, \$6.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members.

Free admission is also available through Labor Day for military personnel and their families through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Blue Star Museums program. Military visitors must present a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, including those stamped URW and DB. These include active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve members, and up to five immediate family members.

One admission ticket provides access to all four Springfield Museums and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden. For information, call (413) 263-6800 or visit www.springfieldmuseums.org.

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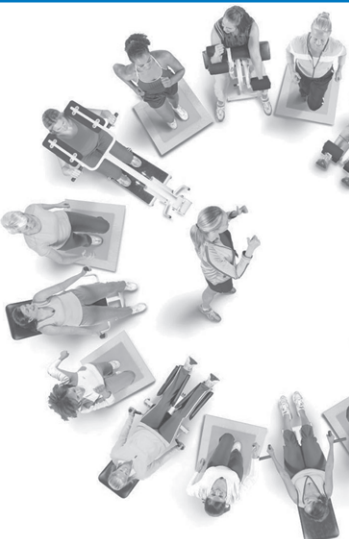
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